

Application No. 10/086,351
Amendment dated June 5, 2006
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Docket No. 1232-4831

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10 and 17 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 1, 10, 16, 17 and 20 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 16 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner indicates that "said determination step" in claims 16 and 20 lack antecedent basis.

Each of claims 16 and 20 is amended to read --said identifying step-- as shown above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,687,331 to Volk et al. ("Volk"), and in further view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0124263 to Yokomizo ("Yokomizo").

The Examiner indicates, *inter alia*, that "[s]election of a left or right arrow identifies the order in which subsequent contents are selected to be displayed on the screen. (Fig. 8b and corresponding text)."

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Independent claims 1, 10 and 17 have been amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "generating means for generating a list table of the plurality of objects identified by said identifying means; setting means for setting a selection order for the plurality of objects identified by said identifying means based on the list table of the plurality of objects generated by said generating means." Amended claims 10 and 17 recite similar features to amended claim 1 as discussed herein.

Referring to Fig. 4 and relevant portion of the specification, one of the aspects of the present invention generates sensor object list (S402), such as shown in Fig. 5, after extracting them from the BIFS description list. The present invention then determines the selection order using the object list. See further, for example, the first full paragraph (i.e., lines 1-13) of page 14 of the original specification. By utilizing the list table of the objects, the present invention enables the user to set the selection order in various ways (e.g., based on the x-y-coordinates etc.).

In contrast, there is no such teaching in Volk and Yokomizo that generates a list table of the plurality of sensor object and determines the selection order based on the list table, as specifically recited in the amended claims. For example, the control and focus objects in Volk are transmitted from the headend to the set-top box, and appears to be directly displayed on the viewer's screen, i.e., without generating any list table. The user, then selects one of the objects using a remote control device.

Accordingly, each of independent claims 1, 10 and 17 as amended is believed neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of the cited art of records (i.e., Volk and Yokomizo), either taken alone or in combination, for at least the reasons discussed above.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 10 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Applicants have not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicants submit that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicants however reserve the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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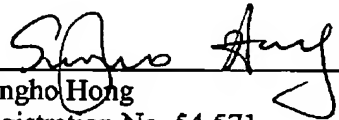
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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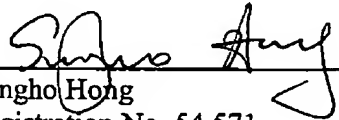
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